

FIRE NOT AN UNTIMELY ONE

Real Estate Men Discuss Burning of Board of Trade Building and What it Means to City.

CORNER ONE OF VALUABLE ONES

After all, from a civic standpoint, few people are regretting the burning of the Board of Trade building at Sixteenth and Farnam streets. Not that it was not a good building, for it was one of the highest on that intersection, but, nevertheless, it was old, and not necessarily a thing of beauty.

This they say, of course, with the idea that a new structure is to go up on the site. They say this, too, because there are many reasons why a splendid new structure at that corner would be a timely improvement. With the two leases closed almost within the last few weeks, which insure a big new building just south of the Board of Trade building, and another just west of it, the Board of Trade building formed a veritable key-stone at the angle. It formed a connecting link between what are to be two elegant new structures, to add to the beauty of this valuable business section.

Surrounded by big buildings. With the Schank Theater building to go up west of the Board of Trade building on Farnam street on ground that has been obtained under a long term lease, and with the big building for the First National bank and other business to go in just south of this corner, on Sixteenth, where the Schlitz hotel, property now in, extending to Harney street, a new structure in the angle will be a sort of crown to the development that is contemplated in the vicinity.

Then, too, just across the street to the east, the big building is contemplated on what is known as the Myer & Dillon corner. The ninety-nine-year lease obtained by the syndicate headed by Armstrong & Walsh, expires for the beginning of that structure within a little more than a year from now.

On the corner directly north of the Board of Trade building is the new United States National Bank building, which is already occupied by some of its tenants, and is soon to be occupied by the bank.

Thus, taken as a whole, this intersection, long recognized as the most important and busiest in the city, is in a fair way to get at last the long deferred development it has so much needed.

Looks Upon Omaha as Brightest Spot on Map

The International Realty Associates, an investing company capitalized at \$500,000, will invest some money in Omaha property soon if the price is right, according to their judgment of what prices here would be.

N. J. Upton of this company was in Omaha Thursday and was very much pleased with some tracts of ground he found on Harney and Farnam streets. He has his eye on several of these tracts and is favorably impressed with them as an investment. He said while here that he regards Omaha as the brightest spot on the American map at the present time, and looks for great development here.

This company invests for its own profit. It invests in city here and there just to show the local real estate men what good opportunities are lying around. It has done this in Duluth and other places and has made large sums of money.

BUILDING OWNERS TO EAT AT THE FONTENELLE

The annual banquet of the Building Owners and Managers of Omaha, the evening of March 3, is this year to be a more elaborate event than usual, and to be given at the Fontenelle hotel. According to the present indications about 100 will attend.

Thomas H. Kimball, architect who designed the Fontenelle hotel building, is to tell the story of the hotel, its construction and its design. Building managers are looking forward to this as a treat. Manager Randall of the Commercial National Bank building of Chicago is the other speaker. He is president of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers. He is to talk on "Construction and Co-operation."

BRAND APARTMENTS IN HANDS OF PETERS TRUST CO

The Brand apartment house built and owned by J. C. Brand, and recently transferred to James C. Bick, has been placed in the hands of the Peters Trust company for management, under a thirty-year trust agreement. The Brand is located at the southwest corner of Park avenue and Leavenworth streets. The rooms are large and well arranged, and the apartments are in high demand.

Bryce Says America Acts Impartially in Regard to the War

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Viscount James Bryce, in an article which is to be published in the Daily Chronicle tomorrow on the position of the United States in the war, says it is a "complete error to assume that those who bear a German name or who own to German blood belong to the pro-German party."

German Submarine Meets Disaster

CHRISTIANIA, (Via London), Feb. 27.—Wreckage picked up near Christiania appears to indicate a disaster to the German submarine U-3.

The German submarine U-3 has played an important part in the naval activities of the war. It sank the British cruisers Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy in the North Sea on September 22, and eluded pursuit, October 25. It sank the British cruiser Hawk.

A Dutch steam trawler reported November 1, that it had met the U-3 in a disabled condition off Haaks lightship near Helder, on the north coast of Holland. Its trouble had been caused by becoming entangled with fishing nets. There have been no reports regarding the U-3 since that date.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Report that Annexation Will Affect Local High School Pronounced Groundless.

MERELY RUSE OF THE ANTIS

Emanating from the South Omaha High school came the report yesterday that in the event of consolidation the South Omaha High school would be reduced to a two-year course or even a manual training school. A committee of five was to publish a notice calling for a meeting of the patrons of the high school this evening followed. The purpose of the meeting, it was explained, was to insure an amendment to senate file No. 142 providing for the maintenance of a four-year course at the local high school.

Questioned as to his authority for the rumor of the proposed change, Principal P. S. Moore of the South Omaha High school said he had gathered it from a conversation with Principal C. E. Reed of the Omaha High school. Moore quoted Reed as having heard it suggested.

Story Lacks Foundation

When the matter was called to the attention of Omaha men familiar with the consolidation bill, senate file No. 142, the statement was branded as without foundation. Further, leading members of the Omaha Commercial club stated that in the event of consolidation the Omaha club would insist upon the maintenance of the present high school four-year course in South Omaha and another in Omaha.

The report as circulated in South Omaha is utter nonsense, said Gould Dietz of the committee on municipal affairs of the Commercial club. President Robert Covell of the Omaha Board of Education said such a matter has never been discussed by the Omaha board. Mr. Covell further stated that if Principal Reed had been quoted correctly his statements were totally without foundation or authority as far as Omaha was concerned.

Report Merely Ruse

The latest report is really nothing more than a ruse of war adopted by the opponents of senate file No. 2, it is thought. Principal Reed is out of the city at present. It is probable that in the event of a meeting at the local high school tonight there will be a speaker who will explain what senate file No. 142 means.

Leaves Children Destitute

A Steinfield, whose wife died in South Omaha a few weeks ago leaving two small orphans, has been arrested in Milwaukee and Detective James Sheahan left here yesterday to bring him back. The Steinfield orphans are said to have been left destitute.

Antis Fight for Time

Announcement that S. F. No. 2 would not be taken from the committee on cities and towns until next Tuesday evening is being hailed as a victory by the antis who are fighting the measure. They say that now the measure cannot get through in time for the local people to participate in the Omaha election and they are urging the Murphy amendment which provides for the vote some time next winter. Locally it is known that a number of officeholders and contractors are anxious to keep the emergency clause off the bill in order to have the time between the promulgation of the merger and next summer when the bill would become law without the emergency clause. It has been known for some time that the antis were fighting for time and for time alone.

Local Men Heard Hit

It is the hope of the local stock yards people that the state quarantine will be lifted at the end of the thirty days prescribed recently by the Live Stock Sanitary board. Cattle from the western half of Iowa have been shipped in directly to the local packers through the Sioux City yards. This deprives the local yards and the local stockmen of the business that would otherwise come to them. As it is, Sioux City reaps the benefit of the state board's order of quarantine. In Iowa there is only one extreme eastern county where the hoof and mouth disease prevails at present.

Masses Asked to Attend Funeral

All members of the Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons are requested to attend the funeral services of Past Grand Master John J. Mercer, to be held at the Masonic temple, Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, Omaha, Sunday, February 28, at 2 o'clock. First Methodist Episcopal, Twenty-fifth and E. Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick, Pastor—Funeral at 11 by the pastor, subject, "A Christian Man's Job." In the evening, 7:30 o'clock, Rev. U. G. Brown of Omaha will preach, special music by the choir. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Junior league at 2:30. Epworth league at 6:30. First Baptist, Twenty-fifth and H. Rev. William E. Hill, Pastor—Morning services at 11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. Fred Berry of Lincoln. Sunday school at 9:45. Young People's union at 5:30. In the evening, 7:30 o'clock, a Fanny Crosby service will be given by the choir, assisted by Miss F. L. Prucka, who will sing "Saved by Grace." St. Martin's Episcopal, Twenty-fourth and J. Rev. John Walla Ohl, Rector—Celebrations of holy eucharist at 7:30 and 11. Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Evening song at 7:30. Tuesday, holy eucharist at 9:30. Wednesday, litany at 4:30. Thursday, holy eucharist at 9:30. Friday, litany at 7:30, followed by choir eucharist. Saturday, eucharist at 4:30. Seats free. Strangers always welcome.

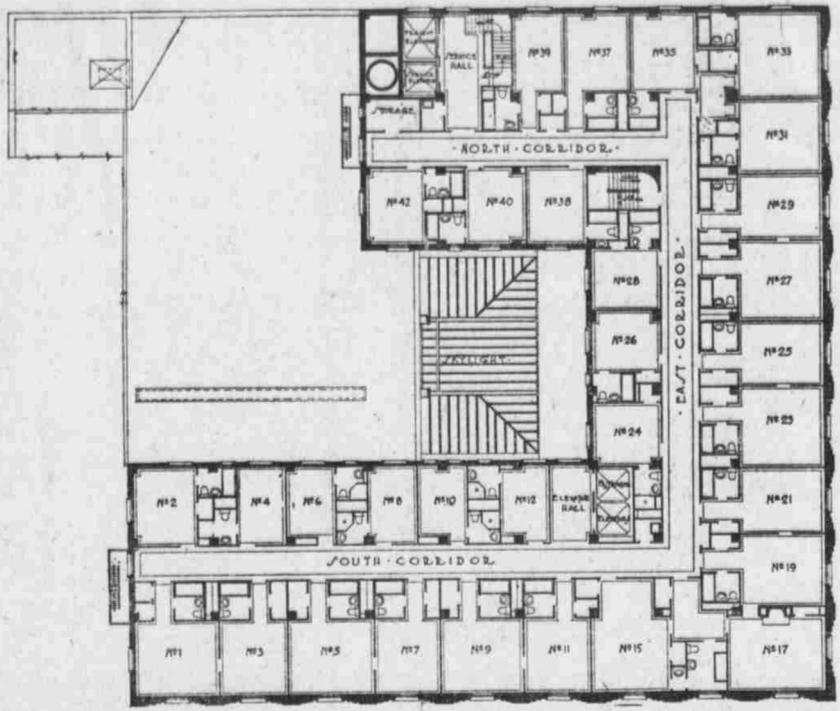
Make City Cheaper

The Eagles will give a benefit dance this evening at the Eagle hall at Twenty-third and N streets. The Saturday evening Moose dance will be given this evening at the Moose hall at Twenty-fifth and M streets. Ladies and children will find an exceptionally entertaining program today and tomorrow at the Grand Theatre. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 8, held its regular weekly meeting at their hall at Twenty-fourth and N streets last evening.

A "mysterious Julius Caesar" will make his appearance at the Beane this afternoon. For two weeks Manager Atkins has kept local movie goers eagerly expectant for the "mystery."

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist Episcopal church will have a tea next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Fritz Rowland, 45 North Twenty-fourth street. Miss Griffith, a returned missionary from Japan, will address the meeting.

The Way the Sleeping Room Floors Look at the Fontenelle



TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN

HEYDEN BACK FROM COAST

Demand for Land West of Mountains Slumps Off and Prices Less Than They Were Year Ago.

JIT BUS BUSINESS THRIVES

E. T. Heyden, just returned from the two California expositions, says "right here in Omaha and surrounding country is the best and safest place for investments and the easiest place to make a living from the soil."

"When you take into consideration the small expense to grow fruit, vegetables, poultry, stock and grains in this district and the ready market here for everything grown we certainly have many advantages over the west coast country."

"When you figure the cost of irrigation, fertilizing, the price you pay for your land and what you get for the different things you grow there, you will find your net returns on every dollar invested here is much greater than the same amount invested in the Pacific coast country. And you will find right now that the demand and prices of land out west is less than one year ago."

Here Demand Increases

"You will find just the opposite here. The demand is greater and the prices are no less. Several years ago you could scarcely get any tracts for our middle west lands, but now you will find many who are willing to trade western land for our land. You will hear it said everywhere now that the middle west country is all right and is good property to own."

"The buildings of the two expositions are marvels of beauty in architectural design and are entirely different from former exposition buildings. The San Francisco buildings are entirely different from those at the San Diego. My idea is that the San Diego exposition grounds are the most beautiful of the two, being located in a larger park and are entirely completed, while the grounds of the San Francisco exposition were not all completed on the opening day."

"Many of the exhibits in the San Francisco buildings are not yet installed. Some of the state buildings are not yet completed. The French building will not be completed for some time. Nevertheless, the exhibitions are wonderful and worth the price to go thousands of miles to see."

Jit Buses Are Busy

"About thirty buses, you see them everywhere in the small towns, as well as the larger ones."

"One evening I stood at the corner of Fifth and Main streets in Los Angeles and counted fifty buses that point in five minutes, which would be at the rate of 60 an hour. In San Francisco I counted 75 in five minutes on Market street at 5:30 in the evening, so you can get some idea how many there are doing business. I was surprised to see how crowded all the cars were, some Pords carrying six to seven passengers. You will find machines of all makes doing a rushing business. All the cars used were the regular automobiles."

University of Omaha Is to Stage a Drama

"Emeralds," a four-act drama by Frances Hodgson Burnett, will be given by the Dramatic club of the University of Omaha some time the latter part of March. The play will be staged in the school gymnasium, which is being fitted up for the occasion. The proceeds of the play will be turned over to the athletic department to make up some of the deficit for the season.

Franklin P. Ramsey, Jr., an instructor of the Omaha High school, has been selected to coach the play. Rehearsals have already been started by the Theopians.

The cast selected is as follows: Herbert Rogers.....Edgar Ernst Mrs. Ledia Rogers.....Blady Tolmudge Miss Emeralds.....Marion Peard Dave Hardy.....Gerald Bruce Mr. Emeralds.....Dick Richards Jack Desmond.....Helen Johnson Nora Desmond.....Ruth Peters Kate Desmond.....Helen Johnson Margaret.....William Tolmudge George Drew.....Roy H. Greening Sophie.....Etta Barnstein

DICE GAME WAS FIXED. DECLARES RED OAK MAN

May Moore, known to the police as Grace Kenny, was arrested last night upon the complaint of W. J. Dillon, Red Oak, Ia., farmer, who alleged that his attempts at being a "good fellow" with her cost him \$14 and a check for \$20. The woman turned him into a fixed dice game with two other men, who got the money and then left, after dividing with the girl, he says.

PAST RULERS AT STAG PARTY

Elks Hold Ceremonial Initiation Followed by Delightful Entertainment.

MUSIC AND MUCH GAYETY

More than 300 Elks attended the initiation ceremonies and stag social held in the Elks' building, Fifteenth and Harney streets, last night. All the chairs and other positions were filled by past elected rulers during the initiation ceremony—an absolutely novel situation in the history of the local organization.

Those who served were: Acting Exalted Ruler Walter P. Thomas, Acting Exalted Leading Knight John A. Rine, Acting Exalted Knight Sidney W. Smith, Acting Exalted Lecturing Knight Dan B. Butler, Acting Secretary James R. Dewar, Acting Treasurer Arthur C. Wakeley, Acting Tiler Frank Crawford, Acting Esquire Robert W. Patrick, Acting Chaplain L. C. Gibson and Acting Inner Guard E. C. Page.

The candidates given the efficiency test by the above capable testers were: Dan W. Gaines, William C. Bronson, Charles R. Offerman, K. Tierney, Michael F. Black, F. W. Sverkrubbe, Edward J. Callahan and Roy M. Klein.

Following the initiation festivities a sumptuous feast was spread before the 250, and in turn was followed by an exceedingly entertaining program prepared by George E. Egeberg, chairman of the social committee, and his cohorts. The amusement feature consisted of numerous selections by the Elks' chorus under the direction of Prof. Emalie, stunts by ten male members of the "Star and Garter company" of the Gayety, who were headed by Phil Isaac of the Newark, N. J. lodge and Jack Conway of the Melrose, Mass. Elks, and a number of clever ideas from James Cherry of the Potomac & Perimeter company of the Brandeis.

George West expressed the opinion of the entire body when he remarked, "It was the best affair we ever pulled off and one that will be long remembered by every Elk present."

Major Dahlman and Dan Butler were in the thick of the fray, and hooked snuff with the rest of the herd. Secretary I. Miner in his usual capable manner saw that the occasion lacked nothing to make it a real winner.

SALESMAN AND BELLBOY BOTH PUT UNDER ARREST

Glen Bixby, Sioux City salesman, and R. E. Johnson, a bellboy, both of whom have been living at the State hotel, are held in custody by the police pending investigation of their conduct. Both men were found prowling about the upper floors of the Flomar hotel early this morning. Neither was able to give a satisfactory explanation of his presence, and Officer O'Connor, who lives in the hotel, placed them under arrest.

Successful Men Always Advise Home Owning

The man or woman with his or her own home has the real successful feeling.

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FRANK ROONEY PROMOTED TO PLACE AS DETECTIVE

City commission yesterday promoted Patrolman Frank Rooney to detective on the Omaha force. The vacancy which Rooney will fill was created by the death of Detective Tom Ring.